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SUBJ: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON SOUTH PACIFIC IN SECRETARY' S 1972
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19
FOLLOWS IN FULL (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

QUOTE: SOUTH PACIFIC

US AMBASSADOR TO NEW ZEALAND AND TO WESTERN SAMOA WAS
ACCREDITED TO TWO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES OF SOUTH PACIFIC
IN 1972; IN MAY TO FIJI, AND IN NOVEM0 ER TO KINGDOM OF
TONGA, THEREBY FURTHER STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE IM AREA.
ALTHOUGH MAINTAINING ONLY ONE RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION
IN SOUTH PACIFIC (FIJI), US IS WELL REPRESENTED THROUGH
PEACE CORPS THAT OPERATES HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS IN
WESTERN SAMOA, FIJI, TONGA, AND BSIP.

US PARTICIPATES IN SPC, AN ORGANIZATION SET UP IN 1947
TO ASSIST PEOPLES OF REGION IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
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DEVELOPMENT. OTHER MEMBERS OF SPC ARE AUSTRALIA, FIJI, FRANCE, NAURU, NEW ZEALAND, UK, AND WESTERN SAMOA. US CONTRIBUTION OF 20 PERCENT OF SPC BUDGET AMOUNTED TO DOLLARS 263,080 IN 1972.

IN LATE OCTOBER, FIJI AND ELLICE ISLANDS WERE 0 ADLY HIT BY TYPHOON THAT CAUSED DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS AND LEFT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS. US, WORKING WITH FIJIAN AND ELLICE ISLANDS AUTHORITIES, RESPONDED QUICKLY TO DISASTER BY PROVIDING CASH, FOOD-STUFFS, AND OTHER SUPPLIES, MANY OF WHICH WERE BROUGHT BY AIRLIFT. END QUOTE.

2. GENERAL SECTION ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC CONTAINED SEPTTEL. ROGERS

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